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Interview Summary

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Examiner

Janet Suglo

Art Unit

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Janet Suglo.(3) Michael Cofield (Reg. No. 54,630).(2) Jeffrey West.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 06 September 2007.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 14, 22 and 27.

Identification of prior art discussed: Quist et al. (US Patent 6,199,018).


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant submitted amendments to claims based on the interview held August 23, 2007. Applicant argued that Quist teaches the MTBF as an input and not as an output of the system and further that Quist does not teach an output of a rate or MTBF. Applicant further argued that expected life as taught by Quist is not equivalent to a failure rate. Examiner agreed to reconsider Quist.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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